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THE BLESSINGS OF TO-DAY.

Strange, we never prize the music
Till the sweet-voiced birds are flown;
Strange that we should slight the violets
Till the lovely flowers are gone;
Strange that summer skies and sunshine
Never seem one-half so fair
As when winter's snowy pinions
Shake the white down in the air.

Lips from which the seal of silence
None but God can roll away,
Never blossomed of such beauty
As adorns the mouth to-day;
And sweet words that freight our memory,
With their beautiful perfume,
Come to us in sweeter accents
Through the portals of the tomb.

Let us gather up the sunbeams
Lying all around our path;
Let us keep the wheat and roses,
Casting out the thorns and chaff;
Let us find our sweetest comfort
In the blessings of to-day,
With a patient hand removing
All the briers from our way.

Is Universal Suffrage Expedient?

BY MRS. HARRIET S. EDMONDS.

Some things are lawful that are not expedient, but nothing is expedient which should not be lawful. The question whether universal suffrage is right and expedient is much thought upon and discussed at the present day. Thinking men and women are earnestly pondering whether it would be for the bettering of the legislation and morals of the country. Good men and statesmen are in a quandary. The question, whether all classes of people governed by law should or should not have a voice in making the laws by which they are governed, is laid before them for their consideration. Some say, "No, there is no need of it." Others say, "Yes there is—the right demands it."

The old fogies and lovers of tyranny and slavery take the negative—every man, woman and child of them—and this, of itself, is a pretty good argument for the other side. For our part, as we claim to be on the progressive side, and, as we think, on the *right* side, we take the affirmative of this question. We say, "Yes," all classes of people (not idiotic or criminal) governed by law should have a voice in making the law.

The strong should not desire to usurp tyrannical power over the weak. The time for brute force is past. Might no longer makes right, here in free America. And with what pride may we look upon our free institutions when one more clause is added to our Constitution, making clear the fact that woman as well as man may have a voice in making the laws by which she is governed. Where is the justice of taxation without representation? It was on this rock that our forefathers split off from the mother country. But, learning nothing from their own experience, they dealt out the same injustice to their wives and daughters.

But, to return to our subject, would society be bettered by women being allowed to vote? We will not say by being allowed the *right* to vote, for we believe they already have that; but man, because he has the power, stands in phalanx strong, and keeps woman from the ballot-box, that great conservator of the rights of the people. Now, why is this? Why are men afraid that universal suffrage would be deleterious in its effects upon society? Why do they think that casting a vote at a township precinct, in company with a father, husband, or brother, would corrupt our national politics, or bring discord into the family circle? Answer me, ye who are afraid to trust your lady friend, your wife or daughter to go with you to the polls on election day?

Where woman is the friend and companion of man, harmony and concord prevail; but wherever man, because of his physical strength, considers himself the master, making woman virtually a vassal, or slave, discordant notes are borne upon every passing breeze, and earth groans because she carries upon her bosom the despised tyrant.

We plead the right of suffrage for woman because all other classes of citizens of our commonwealth are already allowed the privilege. The foreigner, of whatever land or clime, whether he can so much as read our Constitution and statutes, is allowed his vote, if he declares his intention of becoming an American citizen. And this may be right. The governed should have a voice in electing their governors; but are educated, intelligent women less competent than these ignorant foreigners? Tax-payers have a right to the elective franchise; and it should make no difference whether the tax is paid by a man or a woman. Have we not thousands of honorable widowed and maiden women who pay yearly into our county, State and National treasuries? And where is the person who can rightly argue that such women ought not to have the elective franchise?

England has already given up that tax-paying women have a right to vote. And the tax-paying women who have no one to represent them do vote.

But right here I presume the gentlemen of the negative will think they have an argument. They will say it is not always convenient for ladies to go to the polls, and that therefore they will represent them. Well, it may not always be *convenient*, but that has nothing to do with the *right*. If it is right, the inconvenience has nothing to do with the question. Sometimes *men* find it very inconvenient to go to the polls themselves. Business is sometimes exceedingly pressing; the old, the lame and the blind, can scarcely get there at all; and yet they would not consider these inconveniences any reason for their disfranchisement.

You might just as well argue that it is not always convenient for ladies to go to church. The little children are to be taken care of, and home duties to be seen to, and as religious services are held so much oftener than elections, would it not be better for the men to represent the women at church also? Is there any one who would fail to see the absurdity of such an argument would be that a woman has no soul, or, if any, a very small one, and therefore they will just represent them in heaven. Or, if they have any souls worth saving at all, they can have a little Paradise all to themselves, out at one side. I believe history tells us of a country or two where they hold to something like this doctrine, and what good *society* they have there! Scholars and travelers tell us something about the kind of government they have among those nations who treat women as inferior beings, or slaves. But surely American gentlemen do not wish to be classed with cross-legged Turks or the heathen men of India or China. Their self-respect would cry out against it.

Now, where is the valid, sensible argument that our opponents can offer against universal suffrage? Will they say if women vote they will want office? Well, I do not suppose they will *all* want office. Not *quite* all the gentlemen covet such positions, but they can *all vote*.

Wives and mothers would be none the less true to their homes and families because of their enfranchisement; but the reverse. A feeling of ennoblement would spring up in every true mother's heart, and a wiser, more patriotic and home-loving people would rise up on this Western Continent. Mothers would feel that their loving care of their sons in infancy and their efforts toward training them for lives of usefulness and honor, were appreciated. And daughters, feeling that they were really American citizens, with a chance of living whether they make an *eligible match* or not, that something nobler was expected of them than frizzing their hair, painting their cheeks and flouncing and ruffling their dresses, would rise equal to the occasion; and presently we should have a race of women well worth the winning. And our men, having for their companions women of brains and culture, instead of whimsical, capricious dolls, would become men indeed, towering like giants of intellect among the nations of the earth.

"Wall, now," methinks I hear some ignorant, cross-grained opponent growl, "yer needn't talk up women votin', even ef it *war* right—our precincts are no fittin' place for women. Hain't yer got the common sense to know that we swar, and git drunk, and quarrel, and fight, and blackguard, at elections?"

The more shame if you do, and the more reason, too, for your mothers, sisters and wives being with you, to put you on your good behavior. Strange, indeed, if men claiming to be worthy to have a voice both in church and state government, cannot refrain from draining the cup of Bacchus and filling their mouths with low, vulgar slang and profanity on election day! If they *can't*, then, indeed, are the American people not ready for universal suffrage—not even universal *male* suffrage.

But if there is anything in the wide world that would redeem you, provided this is your humiliating and sad condition, it would be the presence of ladies. No gentleman would so conduct himself in the presence of ladies at an election any more than he would at a Fourth of July picnic, or a social gathering. And if there were no other reason why women should vote, this would be sufficient. It would redeem our election days from scenes of debauch and roudyism, and turn them into social and intellectual gatherings of the people.—*Balance.*

A POLITICAL SIGN.—The Hoosac Valley (Mass.) *News* concludes a very sensible editorial on Woman Suffrage as follows:

New additions are daily being made to the advocates of Woman Suffrage; the best and most influential men in the country are falling into line, and we should not be surprised if it is made an issue in the National Canvass of 1876. The day of female voters is not far distant, and when it does come, those who oppose it now will be most anxious to avail themselves of its benefits, and will no doubt try to make it appear that they always were in favor of it.

LEMON CREAM.—Squeeze a large lemon and grate the peel, add two teacups and a half of water, and beat it over the fire. While it is beating, rub two tablespoonfuls of corn-starch smooth, and beat the yolks of three eggs. Stir the lemon-water slowly into the corn-starch, add the egg, and set it on the fire to thicken gradually, like boiled custard, sweetening to taste. After it is done, beat the whites of the eggs stiff and stir them in; then pour into small tumblers or lemonade glasses, and set them in the ice-box to get very cold.

TOO MUCH THE CASE.—An editor is a man who lives on what other people owe him until he starves to death. A subscriber is one who takes a paper and says he is well pleased with it, and he tells everybody else that "he ought to subscribe." After he has subscribed about seven years, the editor writes to him and asks him to let him have $3 50, and the subscriber writes back to the editor, and tells him not to send his paper any more, for there is nothing in it, and then the poor editor goes and starves to death more.

A very good way to bleach cotton cloth is to soak it in buttermilk for a few days. Another way is to make a good suds, put from one to two tablespoonfuls of turpentine into it, before putting the clothes in. Wash as usual, wringing the clothes from the boil, and drying without rinsing. By using one tablespoonful of turpentine in the first suds on washing days, it will save half the labor of rubbing, and the clothes will never become yellow, but will remain a pure white.

TO BOIL GREEN CORN.—Trim off all the husks, and put the ears into boiling water with a tablespoonful of salt to a dozen ears. If the fire is brisk, tender corn will be done in fifteen minutes, otherwise in half an hour. Lay a napkin on a large dish, and, after draining off the water from the corn, lay it on, turning the corners of the napkin over it to keep it warm. Some housekeepers prefer to steam the ears of corn, to wrap them in a linen towel while boiling.

The heart of a deacon with the contribution box at a recent meeting for foreign missions in Boston was gladdened by observing among its contents a neatly rolled package. On hastily investigating, his former belief in the depravity of human nature was changed to a certainty by discovering one dollar and a cent, and upon the paper the following: "The cent is for the heathen, and the dollar to get it to them!"

A London letter states that Mrs. Fawcett, wife of the distinguished professor and writer on political economy, was recently requested to leave a free public reading-room in England on the ground that it was not meant for women. Whereupon the plucky lady carried the case to the Public Library Commissioners, and was informed that women have a right to use free reading-rooms and public libraries.

TO CLEAN MERINO.—Grate two or three large potatoes; add to them a pint of cold water; let them stand for a short time, and pour off the liquor clear, when it will be fit for use. Lay the merino on a flat surface, and apply the liquid with a clean sponge till the dirt is completely extracted; dip each piece into a pailful of clean water, and hang it up to dry without ringing. Iron while damp.

The Palmer *Journal* observes that "there were fourteen women indicted with Miss Anthony for illegal voting at Rochester, last fall, but the district attorney has *not pressed* the suits against them. Why was Miss Anthony tried and fined while these women go free? Is that the equal justice which the Constitution guarantees?"

The late Mr. Powers, commenting on certain proceedings of the National Legislature with reference to works of art, said that Congress would do well to put a Cupid on the dome of the Capitol, instead of the Goddess of Liberty.

General Beauregard is reported to be growing old very fast. His health is quite infirm, too, owing to the severe taxing of his physical system during the war.

It appears that Tecumseh is to have his statue, on Queenstown Hights, in Canada. The inhabitant of Ontario are to be asked to give one cent each to pay for it.

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